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The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) conducts comprehensive and systematic analyses and research on various aspects of crime, including its causes and countermeasures. The institute is committed to contributing to the development of criminal justice and legal policies in Korea, as well as advancing research on crime prevention.

KICJ actively participates in international exchanges to establish its position in line with global trends and current demands. It also conducts systematic and pioneering research on international criminal and justice issues.

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Research institute
that works alongside the public,
conducting research
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Warm Greetings,

This is Jeong Woong Seok, the 17th President of the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ). The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice is a comprehensive research institute established to contribute to the formulation and advancement of the nation's criminal justice and legal policies. The KICJ is committed to doing its best to ensure public safety and improve the quality of life for the people.

Today, our nation is facing serious challenges of rapid social, economic, and demographic changes due to the Fourth Industrial Revolution and issues such as low birth rates and an aging population. In response to these changes, we will strive to be a research institution that effectively supports national policies and addresses criminal justice and legal policy issues from the perspective of the people.

Conducting Policy Research Trusted by the Public

The KICJ has contributed to the formulation of national criminal justice policies and crime prevention by conducting comprehensive and systematic research on the nature, causes, and solutions to crime. Since 2021, the scope of research has expanded to the legal field, conducting studies that align with the needs and perspectives of the public. Moving forward, we will continue to be a research institute that works alongside the public, conducting research that reflects their needs and concerns.

Conducting Policy Research for the Future and the Global Community

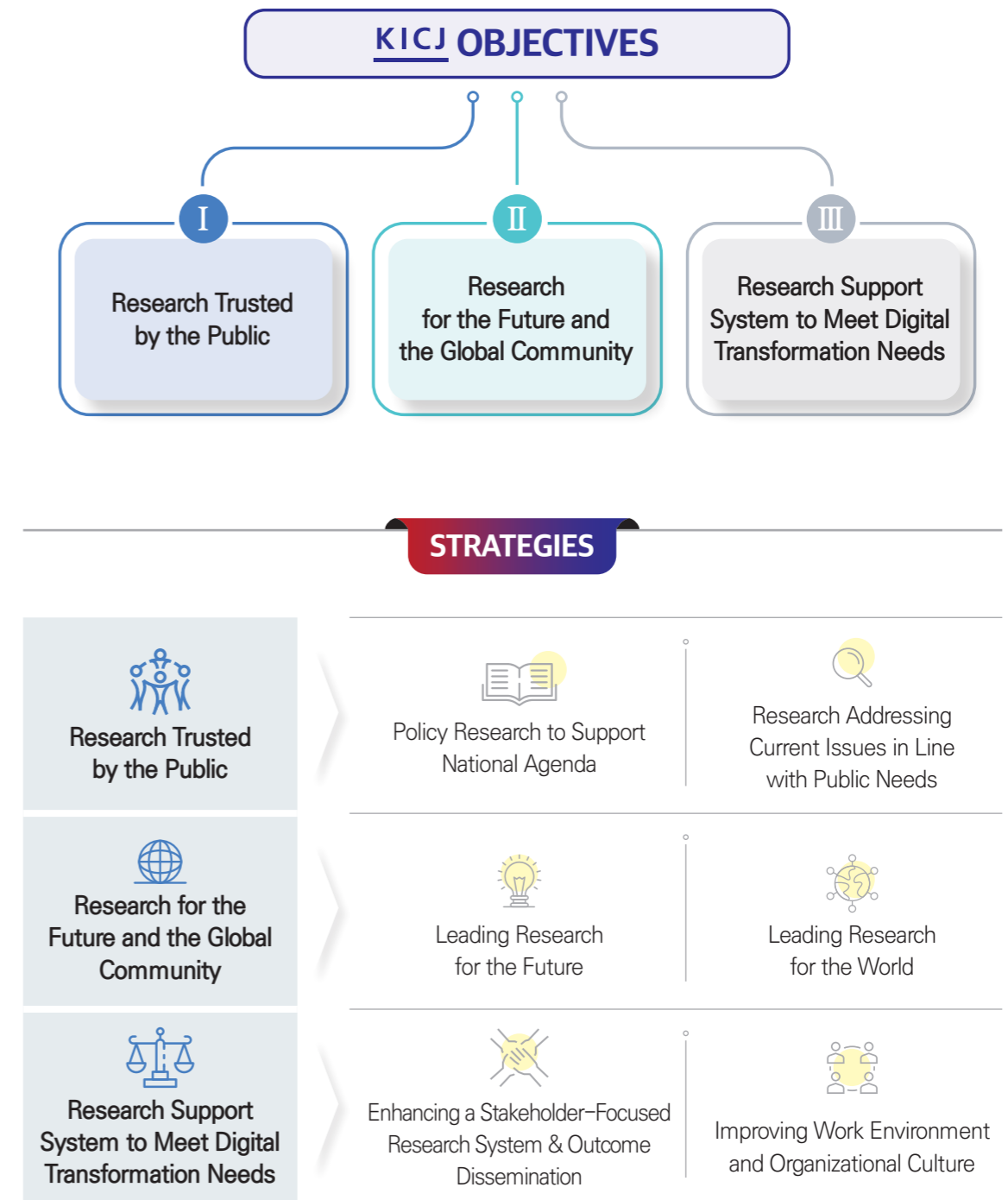
As an integrated think tank, the KICJ will conduct research that responds to the changing world and lead efforts to enhance the happiness of the people. Furthermore, as the nation's only UN-affiliated criminal justice research institute, we will intensify our research on the prevention and eradication of international crime.

We kindly ask for your continued interest and support.

Thank you.

17th President of the Korean Institute of
Criminology and Justice

Jeong Woong Seok



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AUG.1988 The Korean Institute of Criminology Act (Act No. 4016) is declared



DEC.1988 The Enforcement Decree of the Korean Institute of Criminology Act (Presidential Decree No. 12537) was promulgated

MAR.1989 Establishment of the Korean Institute of Criminology (KIC)

DEC.1989 The 1st Criminal Justice Policy Seminar Held (Current Status and Countermeasures for Public Safety)

APR.1990 The 1st Issue of the Korean Criminological Review published in Korean

SEP.1990 The 1st Issue of the KIC Bulletin published in Korean

JAN.1999 The foundation law of the institute was changed (from the Korean Institute of Criminology Act to the Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes, under the jurisdiction of the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences)

JUL.2004 An MOU was signed with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the institute joined the UN Programme Network of Institutes (UNPNI)

APR.2005 Workshop organized during the 11th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Thailand

JUL.2005 Amendment to the Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes (jurisdiction changed to the National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences)

MAR.2009 International Academic Conference Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Korean Institute of Criminology was held

APR.2010 Workshop organized during the 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Brazil

MAY.2011 Received Excellence in 2010 Research Institution Evaluation Award

AUG.2012 The 4th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminological Society convened in Seoul



AUG.2013 The 1st Northeast Asian Criminal Policy Forum was convened

DEC.2014 The 1st Korean Institute of Criminology International Forum (KICIF) was held

DEC.2015 Establishment of the KIC Electronic Library

SEP.2016 The 2nd Korean Institute of Criminology International Forum (KICIF) was held under the theme of 'Challenges and Opportunities in Criminal Justice for Public Safety'



MAY.2017 Received Excellence in 2016 Research Institution Evaluation Award

MAY.2018 Received the Chun Go Rule of Law and Culture Award

Received Excellence in 2017 Research Institution Evaluation Award

MAR.2019 Celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Korean Institute of Criminology

MAY.2019 Hosted the Academic Conference Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Korean Institute of Criminology



Received Excellence in 2018 Research Institution Evaluation Award

DEC.2019 Hosted the International Conference Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of KICJ

MAY.2021 KIC is renamed as the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ). Implemented the revised Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes (MAY 18, 2021)



JUN.2021 Held the Forum on KICJ Renaming and Future Vision for Legal Policy

2021~2022 Signed MOUs with the National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK), Korean Association of the Law of Civil Procedure, Korean Society of Family Law, Korean Commercial Law Association, and Korea Maritime & Ocean University

DEC.2022 Hosted the Joint Academic Conference on Future-Oriented Development Strategies for the Corruption Investigation Office for High-Ranking Officials (CIO)

DEC.2022 Co-hosted the 7th Asia Pacific Mediation Conference

APR. 2023 Hosted the Policy Research Council Meeting between the KICJ and the Supreme Prosecutors' Office

MAY.2023 Participated in the 32nd Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
Attended the UNPNI Spring Coordination Meeting

NOV.2023 Attended the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

DEC.2023 Hosted the 10th Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice International Forum (KICJIF)

MAR.2024 Attended the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

MAY.2024 Hosted a side event at the 33rd Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)
Attended the UNPNI Spring Coordination Meeting

JUN.2024 Signed an MOU at the 2024 German Crime Prevention Congress

Participated in the German Crime Prevention Congress (Deutscher Präventionstag, DPT)

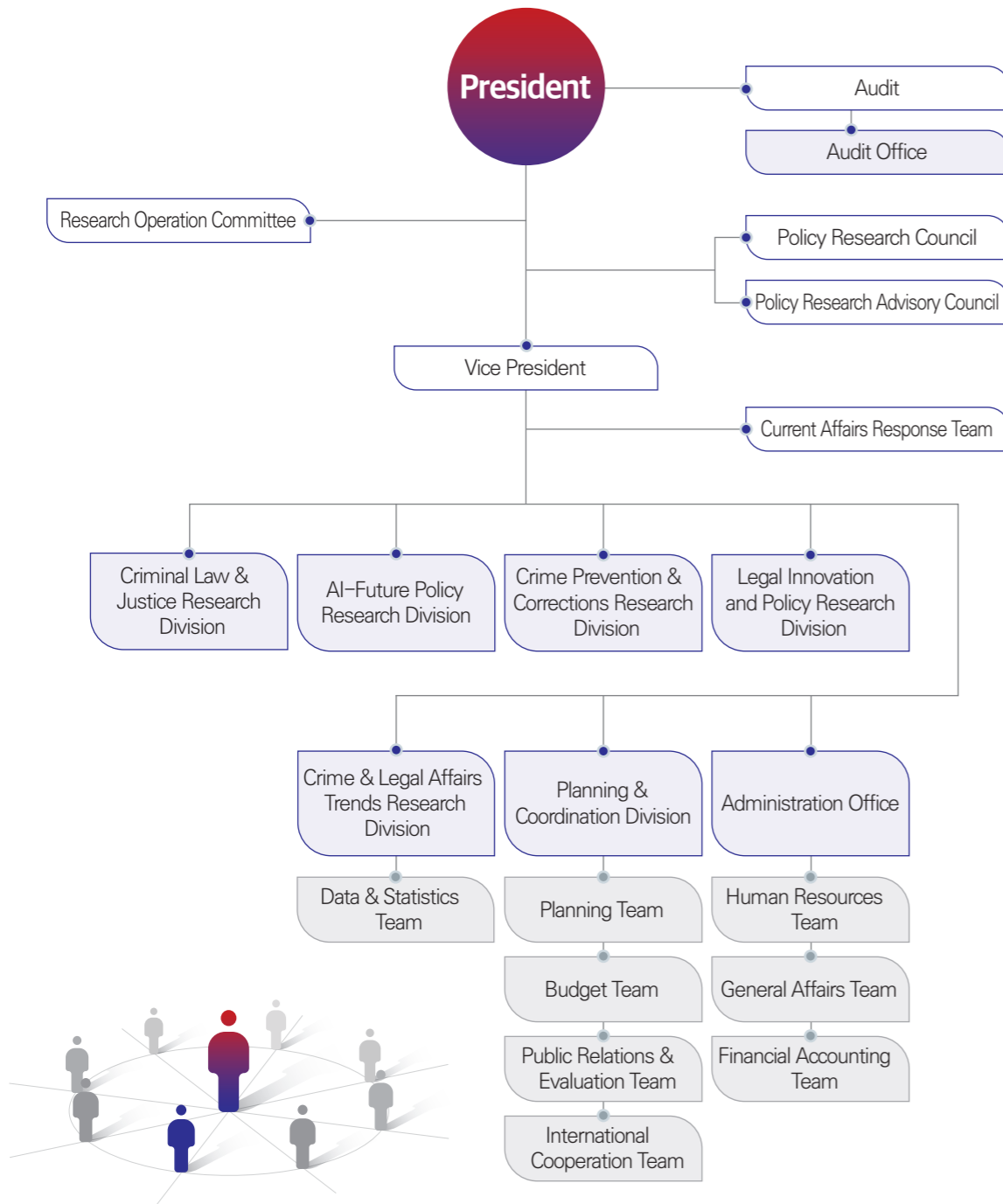
JUL.2024 Participated in the 4th Regional Meeting on Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (Thailand)

Hosted the 10th International Open Forum: Aims, Methods, and Future of Comparative Criminal Law (Germany)

DEC.2024 Hosted the 11th Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice International Forum (KICJIF)



We strive to cultivate an inclusive organizational culture grounded in human rights and ethical principles.



Criminal Law & Justice Research Division

Conducting empirical research for the establishment of evidence-based criminal policies related to criminal law, criminal procedure law, and more

Crime Prevention & Corrections Research Division

Conducting empirical research to develop evidence-based policies on crime victim support, prevention, correction, reintegration, recidivism, and legal education for crime prevention

Crime & Legal Affairs Trends Research Division

Conducting evidence-based policy research on crime and legal affairs through the analysis of crime and legal trends

Administration Office

Comprising the Human Resources, General Affairs, and Financial Accounting Teams, it oversees personnel management, administration, contracts, accounting, and payroll for the institute's operations

AI-Future Policy Research Division

Preventing and responding to emerging crimes in the advanced future era, while establishing a national criminal justice system through the proposal of future-oriented policies

Legal Innovation and Policy Research Division

Conducting interdisciplinary research on civil, commercial, international, and immigration law, generating empirical data, and supporting legal policy development

Planning & Coordination Division

Consisting of the Planning Team, Budget Team, Public Relations & Evaluation Team, and International Cooperation Team, the department focuses on enhancing research projects and providing comprehensive support for all research activities

Audit Office

Acting as an internal audit body, it conducts audits, monitors operations to mitigate risks, improves systems, and fosters an ethical culture through anti-corruption and integrity training

Domestic Partnerships & MOUs

National Organizations

- Korean National Police Agency
- National Human Rights Commission of the Republic of Korea
- Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission
- National Assembly Library
- National Assembly Research Service
- Corruption Investigation Office for High-ranking Officials
- Supreme Prosecutors' Office Republic of Korea
- Ministry of Justice
- Institute of Justice
- Supreme Court Library of Korea
- Korea Ministry of Government Legislation
- Seoul Metropolitan City
- Sentencing Commission
- Jeju Special Self-Governing Province

Public Agencies

- National Security Research Institute
- Korea National Diplomatic Academy
- Korean Bar Association
- Law TV Network
- Law Times
- Korean Association of Law School
- Judicial Policy Research Institute
- Seoul Bar Association
- Korea Institute for National Unification
- Korea Rehabilitation Agency
- Korean Association Against Drug Abuse
- Korea Crime Prevention Foundation
- Korea Society of Law
- National Research Foundation

Universities

- Kangwon University School of Law
- Kyonggi University
- Kyungpook National University
- Korean National Police University
- Kyung Hee University
- Korea University
- Korea University Law School

- Dong-A University Law School
- Pusan National University Law School
- Seoul National University School of Law
- Sungkyunkwan University
- Sungkyunkwan University Law School
- Sookmyung Women's University Law School
- Soonchunhyang University
- Ajou University
- Ajou University Law School
- Yonsei University
- Yonsei University Law School
- Wonkwang University Law School
- Ewha Womans University
- Chonnam National University Law School
- Chonbuk National University
- Jeju National University Law School
- The Legal Studies Institute of Chosun University
- ChungBuk National University
- Hanyang University
- Hanyang University Law School
- The Law School of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
- National Korea Maritime & Ocean University

Academic Associations

- Korean Criminological Association
- Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA), Seoul National University Asia Center
- Yeungnam Association of Criminal Case Studies
- Korea Social Science Data Archive
- Korean Society of Family Law
- Korean Association of Police Science

- Korean Association of Public Safety and Criminal Justice
- Korean Society for Corrections Service
- Korean Digital Forensics Society
- Korean Association of Civil Law
- Korean Association of the Law of Civil Procedure
- Korean Association of Psychology and Law
- Korean Association of Comparative Private Law
- Korean Association of Comparative Criminal Law
- Korean Sociological Association
- Korean Juvenile Policy Association
- Korea Youth Research Association
- Korean Association of Victimology
- Korean Association of Constitutional Law
- Korean Criminal Law Association
- Korean Criminal Procedure Law
- Korean Association Of Criminology
- Korean Association of Criminal Case Studies
- Korea Commercial Law Association
- Korean Association of Aggregate Building Law

Private Sector

- NAVER
- Kakao Enterprise Corp.

International Partnerships & MOUs

America

- Sam Houston State University (U.S.A)
- Jerry Lee Center of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania (U.S.A)
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice (U.S.A)
- Illinois State University (U.S.A)
- Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA, USA)
- Université de Montréal International Centre for Comparative Criminology (ICCC, Canada)
- Ministry of Justice and Rights of the Republic of Peru

Asia

- Law Enforcement University of Mongolia
- General Department of Police, Ministry of Public Security, Vietnam
- CyberSecurity Malaysia
- National Law Development Agency, Department of Law and Human Rights, Republic of Indonesia
- Faculty of Law and Graduate School of Law, Keio University, Japan
- Graduate Schools for Law and Politics and Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo (Japan)
- Graduate School of Law, Meiji University (Japan)
- Chuo Law School (Japan)
- Jilin University School of Law (China)
- School of Law, Wuhan University (China)

- Institute for Crime Prevention, Ministry of Justice, China
- National Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Science (China)
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law (China)
- Law School of Yanbian University (China)
- Liaoning University Law School (China)
- Renmin University of China Law School (China)
- Research Center for Criminal Justice, Renmin University (China)
- China Association of Criminal Procedure Law
- East China University of Political Science and Law (China)
- Law School of Heilongjiang University (China)
- Criminology Research Institute of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Office of the Attorney General, Kingdom of Thailand
- Office of Justice Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand
- Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crime, Philippines

Africa

- Ministry of Justice, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Directorate of Public Prosecutions, United Republic of Tanzania

Oceania

- Australian National University, School of Regulation and Global Governance

Europe

- University of Göttingen, Institute of Criminal Law and Justice (Germany)
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law (Germany)

- German Prevention Congress (DPT)
- Kriminologische Gesellschaft(KrimG, Germany)
- Bundeskriminalamt (BKA, Germany)
- Faculty of Law of the University of Münster (Germany)
- University of Turku, Faculty of Law (Finland)

UNPNI Network

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC, Austria)
- United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI, Japan)
- College for Criminal Law Science of Beijing Normal University (CCLS, China)
- Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ, Thailand)
- Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC, Australia)
- International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR & CJP, Canada)
- International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC, Canada)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ, U.S.A)
- The European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI, Finland)
- International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (Italy)
- Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI, Sweden)
- The Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights (SIJ, Italy)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI, Italy)
- The Basel Institute on Governance (International Centre for Asset Recovery, Switzerland)
- United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD, Costa Rica)
- Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS, Saudi Arabia)
- United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI, Uganda)

Research Outcome Forum

The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) hosts the Research Outcome Forum to share and discuss the achievements of research projects conducted over the past year.



Legislative Forum

A platform to gather and discuss opinions from experts in related fields to develop legislative and institutional improvement measures.



KICJ International Forum

This flagship international event of the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) focuses on expanding global networks, sharing research insights, and fostering international collaboration in criminal justice. It seeks to enhance the institute's global presence while exploring practical policy solutions to address key issues in criminal justice and legal systems.



The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) organizes various events that bring together domestic and international experts in criminal justice and legal policy, fostering the exchange of academic and policy information and promoting mutual collaboration.

KICJ Open Forum

A platform for interdisciplinary dialogue, inviting experts from various fields to exchange opinions on diverse topics and strengthen a multidisciplinary approach.



Joint Academic Conference

Through various joint academic conferences, renowned domestic and international experts in the field of criminal justice and legal policy come together to discuss prospects for the development of these fields.



Korean Crime Victimization Survey Academic Conference

The Korean Crime Victimization Survey Academic Conference is held to maximize the policy and academic utility of the nationally certified statistics from the Korean Crime Victimization Survey. By sharing collected survey data, the conference aims to support the development of crime prevention policies and victim protection and support policies.



FORUM ON KICJ OFFICIAL RENAMING & FUTURE VISION FOR LEGAL POLICY



On May 18, 2021, the Partial Amendment to the Act on the Establishment, Operation, and Fostering of Government-Funded Research Institutes came into effect, officially changing the institute's name from the 'Korean Institute of Criminology (KIC)' to the 'Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ).' To commemorate this, the Forum on KICJ Renaming and Future Vision for Legal Policy was held on June 15, 2021. Additionally, on June 24, 2022, a ceremony and seminar were held to mark the first anniversary of the name change.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF KICJ

KICJ hosted the 2024 Criminal Justice and Legal Policy Conference on July 2-3, 2024, to mark its 35th anniversary. Under the theme "Safety, Fairness, and Coexistence for Future Generations," the event featured research presentations and expert discussions on criminal justice and legal issues, proposing solutions to pressing societal challenges. Participants, including KICJ members, government officials, academics, and MOU partners, celebrated the milestone while exploring innovative policies for a safer and more equitable future.





KICJ holds annual policy research council meetings with the Ministry of Justice, the National Police Agency, and other institutions. Between 2021 and 2023, KICJ signed MOUs with organizations such as the National Human Rights Commission of Korea, the Korean Association of the Law of Civil Procedure, the Korean Society of Family Law, the Korean Association of Comparative Private Law, the Korean Association of Commercial Law, and Korea Maritime University.



KICJ conducts systematic and leading research on international criminal and legal matters and actively participates in international exchanges by hosting annual international forums and various Expert Group Meetings (EGM).



PUBLICATIONS

The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) provides theoretical and empirical analyses to propose solutions for national criminal justice and legal policy agendas. Additionally, KICJ publishes a variety of publications to share insights into domestic and international trends in criminal justice policy, making this information accessible to the public.

Research Report



An annual series of research collections in the field of criminal justice and legal policy is published to support national policy development.

Crimes and Criminal Justice Policy in Korea



This annual report examines crime trends and patterns, analyzes developments in criminal policy and legislation, and is published and distributed accordingly.

Criminal Policy Research News



Introduces domestic and international research trends, provides updates on the institute's activities, shares news about academic events related to criminal justice and legal policy, and research reports. (Published quarterly)

Criminal Policy Research



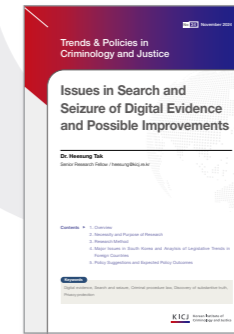
A quarterly academic journal listed by the National Research Foundation of Korea, specializing in criminal justice and legal policy. It analyzes and examines key issues, current affairs, and debates on topics such as crime causation, criminal law, and related matters.

KICJ Issue Paper



To enhance public interest in research outcomes, key issues in criminal justice and legal policy are published and distributed.

Trends & Policies in Criminology and Justice



Each year's key research outcomes are compiled and published in English to share the institute's insights and contributions with the global community.

KICJ News Letter



Mailing service provided to policy practitioners, experts in related fields, journalists, and the general public, delivering updates on research outcomes, major events, and recruitment information.

International Journal of Criminal Justice



This English-language journal, published biannually by KICJ, features peer-reviewed research across various areas of criminal justice.

KICJ English News Letter



English updates on the institute's activities, domestic and international academic events, UNPNI initiatives, and trends in international cooperation are shared with related organizations and professionals in the fields of crime and criminal justice.

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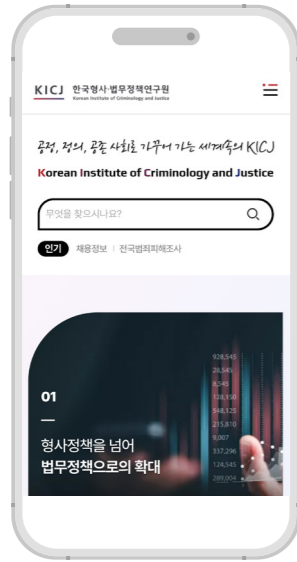


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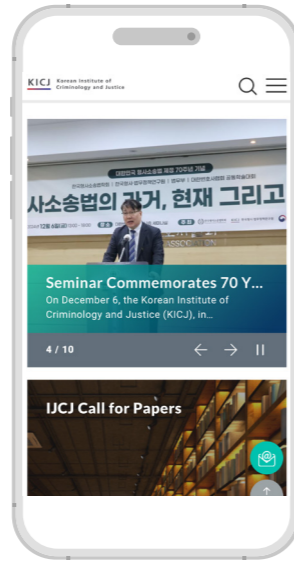
OFFICIAL WEBSITES

The Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ) actively shares research findings and updates on criminal justice and legal policy trends both domestically and internationally through a variety of media channels.

KICJ Official Website



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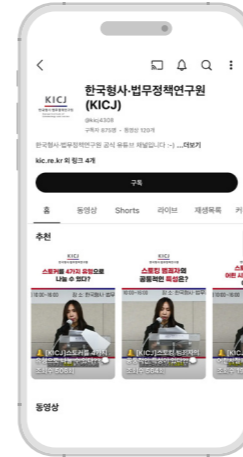
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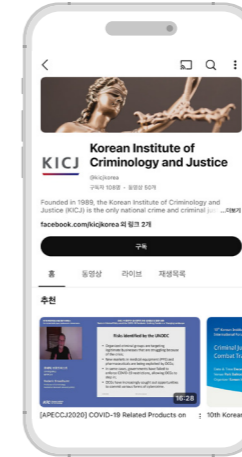
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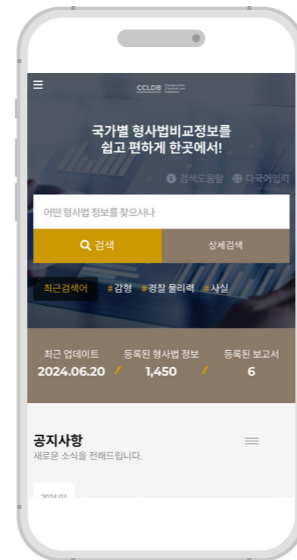
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Comparative Criminal Law Database Platform



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